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SUBJ: PENNSYLVANIA CONSTRUCTION CHEMICAL IOGA TRADE MISSION

REF: (A) USDOC 12262, (B) BAGHDAD 658

1. WE WELCOME PENNSYLVANIA TRADE MISSION OCTOBER 28- NOVEMBER 5, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE SIX FULL WORKING DAYS IN BAGHDAD. NOWEVER, GIVEN UNUSUALLY HEAVY ELEMENT OF RISK AND UNCERTAINTY IN SCHEDULING FORMAL USG-SPONSORED TRADE MISSIONS TO IRAQ, WE WOULD APPRECIATE FIRM INFORMATION NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER FIRST SO WE CAN SUBMIT NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY TO BEGIN USUALLY ARDUOUS PROCEDURE OF SECURING GOI APPROVAL. EXPERIENCE SUGGESTS UTILITY OF HAVING MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF PUBLISHED MATERIALS IN HAND WHEN WE MAKE THIS APPROACH - INCLUDING MISSION COMPOSITION, MEMBER'S BIOS ETC.

2. AS POINTED OUT IN REF B, WE BELIEVE STEADY, INTENSIVE INVOLVEMENT OF IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION (IRAQINT) IN WASHINGTON IN PLANNING OF TRADE MISSION MAY PROVIDE MEANS TO FACILITATE TIMELY GOI APPROVAL. AFTER ECPERIENCE OF TEXAS IOGA TRADE MISSION, WHOSE NON-OFFICIAL COMING TO BAGHDAD AS PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN CAUSED SOME DISGRUNTLEMENT AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT USDOC ESTABLISH GO/NO GO DATE IN ITS PLANNING FOR INCLUDING IRAQ ON ITINERARY. TO ALLOW MAXIMUM TIME FOR GOI

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CONSIDERATION AS WELL AS SUFFICIENT TIME TO READJUST SCHEDULE

IF NECESSARY, WE SUGGEST TWO WEEKS BEFORE SCHEDULED ARRIVAL,
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